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SUBJ/APPOINTMENT OF SAFETY INVESTIGATION BOARD//

REF/A/MSGID:OPREP-3/USNS LEROY GRUMMAN/060954ZJUL2013/001/NOTAL//

REF/B/MSGID:DOC/CNO N09F/07JAN2005/-//

REF/C/MSGID:LTR/CTF 65/19JUL2013/037/NOTAL//

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AMPN/REF A IS INITIAL MISHAP REPORT FROM USNS LEROY GRUMMAN

(T-AO 195). REF B IS OPNAVINST 5102.1D CH-2/MCO P5102.1B, NAVY

AND MARINE CORPS MISHAP AND SAFETY INVESTIGATION REPORTING MANUAL.

REF C IS THE CTF65 LETTER APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE SAFETY

INVESTIGATION BOARD (SIB).//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. REF A REPORTED A PYROTECHNIC (SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA FLARES) FIRE INSIDE A LIFEBOAT ONBOARD USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (T-AO 195), DURING A 6 JULY 2013 REPLENISHMENT AT SEA WITH USS BARRY (DDG 52). WHILE ALONGSIDE TO PORT, USNS LEROY GRUMMAN WAS INADVERTENTLY RADIATED BY USS BARRY SPY RADAR. USNS LEROY GRUMMAN GYRO REPEATER, BOTH GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS,

AUTOMATED IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, ELECTRONIC CHART DISPLAY AND INFORMATION SYSTEM, VERY HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO, SATELLITE COMMUNICATION, AND GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM ALSO MALFUNCTIONED DUE TO THE ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE. PER COMMANDER, TASK FORCE SIX FIVE (CTF65)/COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON SIX ZERO, THIS WAS THE SECOND INCIDENT IN ONE YEAR OF SPY RADIATING REPLENISHMENT SHIPS IN THAT AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (AOR) AND FOLLOWS SIMILAR INSTANCES RECENTLY WORLDWIDE (EVERY AOR). EVEN THOUGH THIS INCIDENT WAS DETERMINED TO BE A CLASS B MISHAP, COMMANDER, MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND (COMSC) (N7) REQUESTED THAT A SAFETY INVESTIGATION BOARD (SIB) BE CONVENED BECAUSE IT WAS DEEMED THAT IT MAY REVEAL VITAL SAFETY INFORMATION.

2. COMMANDER, U.S. FLEET FORCES COMMAND (COMUSFLTFORCOM) IS THE CONTROLLING COMMAND. CTF65 IS THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY.

3. PER REF C, CTF65 CONVENED A SIB TO INVESTIGATE THE MISHAP REPORTED IN REF A. PER CTF65, MEMBERS WERE NOT ASSIGNED TO ANY OTHER INVESTIGATION (JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL MANUAL, BOARD OF INQUIRY, ETC.) ASSOCIATED WITH THE MISHAP.

A. (b)(6), COMMANDER, SIXTH FLEET (COMSIXTHFLT), WAS APPOINTED BY CTF65 TO BE THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE SIB. (b)(6) CONTACT INFO IS (b)(6).

B. (b)(6) (GS-14), COMSC WASHINGTON DC (N7), WAS APPOINTED BY CTF65 TO ASSIST THE SENIOR MEMBER IN CONDUCTING THE SIB. (b)(6) CONTACT INFO IS (b)(6).

C. (b)(6), CTF65, WAS APPOINTED BY CTF65 TO ASSIST THE SENIOR MEMBER IN CONDUCTING THE SIB. (b)(6) CONTACT INFO IS (b)(6).

D. (b)(6), COMMANDER, NAVAL SAFETY CENTER (COMNAVSAFECEN) (30), WAS APPOINTED BY COMNAVSAFECEN AS A DISTANCE SUPPORT ADVISOR TO ASSIST THE SIB IN THE INVESTIGATION. (b)(6) CONTACT INFO IS (b)(6).

4. THE SENIOR MEMBER IS DIRECTED TO RELEASE THE SAFETY INVESTIGATION REPORT (SIREP) WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS OF CONVENING THE SIB. IF NECESSARY, THE SENIOR MEMBER MAY REQUEST AN EXTENSION FROM COMUSFLTFORCOM BY NAVAL MESSAGE WITH REASONS STATED.

5. UPON COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION, THE SIREP SHALL BE SENT THROUGH A PRESCRIBED ENDORSEMENT CHAIN. THE FIRST ENDORSEMENT IS DUE WITHIN 14 CALENDAR DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE SIREP. SUBSEQUENT ENDORSEMENTS ARE DUE SEQUENTIALLY WITHIN 14 CALENDAR DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE PRECEDING ENDORSEMENT.

THE ENDORSEMENT CHAIN IS PRESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. USS BARRY
 - B. USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
 - C. CTF 65
 - D. CTF 63 (MSCEUR)
 - E. COMSC WASHINGTON DC
 - F. COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLK VA
 - G. COMNAVSEASCOM WASHINGTON DC
 - H. COMSIXTHFLT
 - I. COMUSFLTFORCOM NORFOLK VA
 - J. COMNAVSAFECEN NORFOLK VA (30, 40)
6. RELEASED BY (b)(6) DIRECTOR OF FLEET SAFETY, COMUSFLTFORCOM (N03FS).//

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